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In re Application of:	)		
Crabtree, Michael L.	)		
Serial No.	10/627,034	)	Examiner: Pezzlo, B. Group Art Unit: 3683
Filed:	7/24/2003	)	<b>AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</b>
For:	Airspring Sleeve	)	

Via Fax: 703.872.9306  
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Dear Examiner Pezzlo:

This amendment is responsive to the non-final office action mailed 3/26/04. Applicant hereby requests an extension of time in which to respond under 37 CFR § 1.136.

Please enter the following amendments in the subject case.

Amendment**I. In the Specification.**

1. None.

08/04/2004 01:19 3037444653 **II. In the Drawings.** 10517034  
 31 10517034 110.00 31. None.

2. Claims 2-6 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirtreiter et al. (US patent 3897941).

Claims 2 and 3 depend directly or ultimately depend from claim 1.

As to claim 4, please refer to the foregoing argument.

Claims 5 and 6 depend directly or ultimately from claim 4.

Claim 8-10 depend directly or ultimately from claim 7.

3. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirtreiter et al. (US patent 3897941) in view of Crabtree (US 4763883).

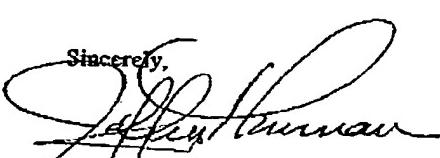
Claim 11 depends from claim 7.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection as to all claims.

V. Fees.

Any fees payable for this amendment including the request for extension of time can be deducted from deposit account 07-0475 in the name of The Gates Corporation.

Thank you for your attention to this case. If any questions arise, please call at the number below.

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